

## Lead in Drinking Water Workgroup Meeting - Minutes

September 25, 2023 2:00 pm

Zoom virtual meeting

[Meeting recording link](#)

### Workgroup Member Attendance:

Alicia Jacobs  
Amy Stoffer  
Jennifer Burt  
Jacob Northington  
Sarah Gaddis  
Brad Montgomery  
Tom Rockaway

### Absent Workgroup Members:

Obie Cox  
Mike Gardner  
Greg Heitzman  
Emily Fritz  
Justin Sensabaugh

Minutes from 6/5/23 were approved. No changes to minutes requested.

**DWSRF/IUP Update:** 2024 cycle of DWSRF draft Intended Use Plan (IUP) has been posted to KIA's website. Public meeting for IUP is 9/28/23 at 10:00 am EST. Service Line Inventory projects for small and disadvantaged communities are separated from other communities; those communities/water systems will be receiving technical assistance through a contract with a third party TA provider to complete their service line inventory, instead of receiving a DWSRF loan invitation. Other water systems that did not meet the definition of small and disadvantaged will be receiving a loan invitation. Service line inventory projects that are invited for a loan will receive 100% loan forgiveness. Lead service line replacement projects that received a loan invitation will receive 57% loan forgiveness. This number was possible due to the way the cap grants are removed from the loan amounts.

FY2025 Priority Guidance document: still under review by Cabinet secretary; will be released upon approval. Few changes, but there are additional proposed points for those systems that are using GIS and/or asset management planning into the service line inventory process.

Q: Is there enough information with the update of 2021 DWINSA lead data to determine if KY will receive additional lead funding? A: So far, there is not enough information; those updates are not due back to EPA until November, and DOW won't know the final assessment about lead funding reallocation until after that time.

New procedure for reporting subgroup meeting notes to DOW: Please send notes from subgroup meetings to Alicia, Amy, and Elizabeth.

**Small systems subgroup** (Maggie Mahan Neal): Have not met since before the last workgroup meeting (March was the last meeting)

**Funding/financing subgroup** (Jordan Basham): joint meeting with CCT subgroup (Brad Montgomery) at the last meeting. Funding needs for CCT: some communities will need to do some pipe loop studies to better assess CCT; can BIL funds be used for this? Investigating now; will submit comments/questions to KIA.

**LSL Inventory/Replacement subgroup** (Chris Bobay): Have been working on a guidance document for non-lead systems to use a statistical method to complete the SL inventory. Method includes collecting a random sample of unknown service lines, in strata, to physically verify and use those verified samples to assess the likelihood that the remaining SLs are lead. Systems with LSLs would need to have some modifications of this method in order to use a statistical method

to complete the inventory. Systems would use building age to stratify the dataset, and then also use another metric to determine representativeness of the dataset before applying the method.

Cortni Edwards demonstrated a story map that's in development to help explain the method more graphically.

Concerns expressed were lack of data on building age, and low technical proficiency of some systems (e.g., no access to GIS, which would help assessing sample representativeness).

**Note:** [final guidance document](#) has been published on [DOW Compliance website](#), and the guidance document and [story map](#) were provided via Drinking Water Wednesday.

**Communications subgroup:** Subgroup hasn't met since June, but DOW has been developing lots of communications materials over the summer, including a video, printable materials, websites, and guidance for systems to create their own communications plans. Included in all this are: story maps, guidance for stakeholders/decision-makers, information to communicate to general public, etc. Information will be provided by Drinking Water Wednesday when completed.

**Note:** These materials have been made available; there is a new section on the [Drinking Water website](#) that links to all of them (Check Your Pipes KY).

- [bit.ly/checkyourpipesky](http://bit.ly/checkyourpipesky) – website to share with customers/public
- [bit.ly/cypktoolkit](http://bit.ly/cypktoolkit) – website for PWS to access printable materials and other communications tools
- [bit.ly/cypkstakeholders](http://bit.ly/cypkstakeholders) – website for decision-makers, such as mayors, judge-executives, school administrators, etc.

**CCT subgroup** (Gabe Tanner): waiting for new info in LCRI. Are considering collaborating with wastewater program(s) re: phosphate use.

**Schools/Childcare subgroup** (Emily Fritz): Lots of others now engaging in the subgroup (Public Health, state day care administration, etc.). Starting to develop communications materials specific to schools/day cares, as well as templates. Will start joining with communications subgroup going forward to avoid redundancy.

**Procedures subgroup** (Mary Carol Wagner): Working on a flowchart with if/then format to help organize the complexity (e.g., for tap sampling and other requirements).

**Service Line Inventory Status Update:** RCAP saw that some systems are using the Campus template instead of the full DOW template; working to correct that miscommunication. There is now a statewide website for E-911 coordinates that can be useful to find locations of buildings.

DW/CWAW Meeting has been rescheduled to October 5; it will be a hybrid meeting with in-person option at 300 Sower Blvd. in Frankfort.

No updates from EPA. EPA has stated they will not be releasing any more information on lead until the proposed LCRI.